

**Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary  
Advisory Council Charter  
Amendment #1**

The following revisions are made to the charter as signed on October 20, 2011, and hereby amended on \_\_\_\_\_ indicated below:

The Members and Officers section is revised to read (see highlights):

**I. MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

**A. General**

1. The council shall consist of no more than twelve (12) voting members and seven (7) ex-officio (non-voting) members, who shall be appointed by the director from among persons with expertise in management of natural resources, representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific and educational organizations, and members of the public interested in the protection and management of the sanctuary. The membership is designed to be balanced in terms of points of view represented, geographic diversity, and advisory functions the council will perform.
2. The Chair shall work with the sanctuary superintendent in scheduling each meeting and approving the agenda to ensure each topic is relevant to GRNMS. Council meetings may not be conducted in the absence of the sanctuary superintendent or his/her designee.
3. There are two categories of seats for which council members are appointed – governmental and non-governmental. The following procedures shall govern the application, nomination, and appointment of council members.

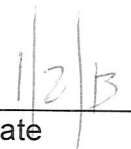
**B. Governmental seats (8)**

1. By virtue of the shared functional responsibilities of federal and state jurisdictions in the implementation of sanctuary-related management, government entities shall be requested to designate one individual to serve on the council.
2. To ensure that sanctuary plans and policies are well coordinated with State coastal programs and interests, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, shall be asked to designate one individual to serve on the council as a voting member.
3. To ensure relevant information exchange and consistent management, as appropriate, the following agencies shall be asked to designate one representative each to sit on the council as a non-voting (ex-officio) member:
  - U.S. Coast Guard
  - NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office

- Sapelo Island National Estuarine Research Reserve
- Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division Region VII Law Enforcement
- NOAA Office for Law Enforcement
- NOAA Sea Grant office from either Georgia, South Carolina, or Florida
- U.S. Navy

All other terms of the charter remain in full force and effect.

  
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Director  
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Date